RAWHIDE KID
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NEVER HAS THE KID FOUGHT AN ENEMY AS DANGEROUS AS "THE RATTLER!"
DON'T DO IT, KID!! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE! NOBODY CAN BEAT... THE RATTLER!
BANK

"THE MOB STRIKES!"

HE WAS A PRISONER! HE WAS HELPLESS! HE SEEMED TO BE GUILTY! AND THEN THE MOB GREW IN SIZE--IN UGLINESS--IN MENACE!! THIS IS THE WAY IT HAPPENED...

AND NOW BY POPULAR DEMAND, WE PRESENT ANOTHER ALL-TIME THRILLER * WHICH YOU, THE READERS, VOTED ONE OF THE MOST DRAMATIC TALES FROM MARVELS PAST!

LOOK! HERE COMES THE SHERIFF! I'LL BE JIGGERED! HE CAUGHT OL' TOM'S MURDERER!
LOOK WHO IT IS! IT'S NED BAKER! WHO'D HAVE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE HIM?!!
STICK CLOSE TO THE PRISONER, DEPUTY! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THE MOB!
SA

* FROM RAWHIDE KID # 137

OUT OF THE WAY, MEN! THIS MAN IS MY PRISONER AND I'M TAKIN' HIM TO JAIL!
DID HE CONFESS?
NO! I'M INNOCENT!
IT'S ALL A MISTAKE! I DIDN'T DO IT! I DIDN'T!!
BAH! THE SHERIFF WOULDN'T HAVE GRABBED YOU UNLESS HE HAD YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS!
BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS SAY NOTHING TILL YOU GET A LAWYER, BAKER!
WHY WON'T ANYONE BELIEVE ME?? I DIDN'T DO IT!
WHY BOTHER SLAPPING HIM IN JAIL?? JUST HAND 'IM OVER TO US!!
YEAH! WHY WASTE GOOD MONEY ON A TRIAL?!!
HE'S MY PRISONER, AND HE'LL GET A FAIR TRIAL UNDER THE LAW, JUST LIKE HE SHOULD! NOW, GO BACK TO YOUR HOMES, ALL OF YOU!
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SHERIFF! THEY'RE NOT LEAVIN'! THEY'RE JUST WAITIN'! DON'T LET THEM GET ME!
DON'T FRET, BOY! I KNOW MY JOB!
I'LL BET HE'S PLEADIN' WITH THE SHERIFF TO PROTECT 'IM RIGHT NOW!
YEAH! BUT HE SURE DIDN'T LISTEN TO POOR OLD TOM'S PLEAS BEFORE HE SHOT 'IM! THE ROTTEN BUSHWHACKER! JAIL'S TOO GOOD FOR HIM!
CAN'T YOU MOVE ME OUT OF HERE, SHERIFF??
NOT TILL TOMORROW, BAKER! I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE COUNTY SEAT THEN, FOR TRIAL!
IF THE MOB LETS ME LIVE TILL THEN!
MINUTES LATER...
LET'S GO, MEN! WE'LL SMASH THE DOOR DOWN IN NO TIME WITH THIS LOG! YEAH! WE'LL SHOW HIM NOBODY CAN GET AWAY WITH MURDER IN THIS COUNTY!
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SHERIFF! IT'S THE MOB! THEY'RE STORMIN' THE JAIL!
QUICK! GET YOUR GUN AND FOLLOW ME!
FIRST MAN WHO TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD GET A BULLET IN HIS LEG!
DON'T LET HIM BLUFF YOU, BOYS! HE WON'T SHOOT US!
AND THEN, BEFORE THE HARRASSED LAWMAN CAN MAKE A MOVE, THE HUMAN WAVE IS UPON HIM...
THAT'S IT! I KNEW HE WOULDN'T SHOOT! HE CAN'T STOP ALL OF US! NOW BREAK DOWN THAT DOOR!
I'LL REMEMBER YOU! EVERYONE OF YOU! IF YOU HARM THAT PRISONER, YOU'LL ALL PAY FOR IT! I SWEAR!
KEEP GOIN', BOYS! HE'S STILL BLUFFIN'!
YEAH! WE CAN'T ALL BE ARRESTED!
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MADE IT! THERE HE IS! GET 'IM!
STOP! ALL OF YOU!
LOOK! IT'S OLD TOM'S WIFE! DON'T WORRY, MRS. HOOPER, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF YOUR HUSBAND'S MURDERER!
NO! YOU MUSTN'T! I CAME TO TELL YOU-- NOBODY KILLED TOM! IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
JAIL
IT HAPPENED WHILE HE WAS CLEANING HIS GUN! IT WENT OFF ACCIDENTLY! I SAW IT! YOUNG BAKER JUST PASSED BY-- TRIED TO FIX THE WOUND, BUT THE SHERIFF SAW HIM AND THOUGHT HE DID IT-- THOUGHT BAKER WAS ROBBING HIM!
I TOLD YOU I WAS INNOCENT!
LOOKS LIKE WE ALL MADE A MISTAKE! THANK HEAVEN IT WASN'T-- A WORSE ONE!
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AND SO THE MOB DRIFTS AWAY-- SILENTLY--SLOWLY-- SHAMEFULLY! INDIVIDUALLY, THEY ARE ORDINARY, AVERAGE PEOPLE... BUT WHEN THEY GATHER TOGETHER, THEY BECOME ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS, MOST UNREASONING THINGS A MAN CAN FACE... A MOB!
The End

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